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Notes on People

Watergate (Cont.)

G. Gordon Liddy, who has written in a book that he had been willing to kill E. Howard Hunt, a fellow Watergate conspirator, and Jack Anderson, the columnist, if so ordered by the Nixon White House, had a chance to confront both of them yesterday.

He shook hands with Mr. Anderson, sat with him on the set of ABC's "Good Morning, America" and told Mr. Anderson — whom he had accused of identifying an American agent abroad — that killing him would not have been murder.

"Murder is a technical term," said the former White House staff member. "I would call it justifiable homicide."

But neither Mr. Liddy nor Mr. Hunt spoke to each other when they appeared at the same time at the NBC-TV studio to be interviewed separately for the "Today" program. They had informed the network that they did not wish to be interviewed together. Mr. Hunt, recalling Mr. Liddy as "forever threatening to rub people out," said all of his proposed targets were "alive and in good health."

"So it's almost as though being on one of Mr. Liddy's hit lists is a guarantee of longevity," said Mr. Hunt, a former C.I.A. agent. "I find only two insights in his book. One is my inclusion on his hit list. The other is final confirmation that Mr. Liddy's mental health needs looking into."